CLAIMS

1. Protective tube (1) comprising a plurality of threads (2) which are braided, knit-braided, or knitted to one another, characterised in that the length of the cross section of the threads (2) along a first axis is substantially greater than the length of said cross section along a second axis which is perpendicular to the first.

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- 2. Tube (1) according to Claim 1, characterised in that the length of the cross section of the first axis is at least 1.5 times greater than the length of said cross section of the second axis which is perpendicular to the first.
- 3. Tube (1) according to Claims 1 or 2, characterised in that said threads (2) are made from a polymeric material.
 - 4. Tube (1) according to Claim 3, characterised in that said polymeric material is polyamide.
 - 5. Tube (1) according to Claim 3, characterised in that said polymeric material is polyester.
- 6. Tube (1) according to Claim 3, characterised in that said polymeric material is polypropylene.
 - 7. Tube (1) according to Claim 3, characterised in that said polymeric material is polyethylene.

8. Tube (1) according to Claim 3, characterised in that said polymeric material is phenylen polysulphide.